

Virginia Department of Social Services
Medicaid Fact Sheet #13
Qualified Individual (QI)
Medicaid Program That Pays Medicare Part B Premium

The following information is given as a guideline only. For Medicaid eligibility to be determined, an application must be filed with the local department of social services in your locality.

The Medicaid Qualified Individual (QI) program is also known as a "Medicare Savings Program." Medicaid QI could help you if you are entitled to Medicare Part A and have income too high to be eligible for other Medicaid programs. If you are eligible for the QI program, Medicaid will pay your Medicare Part B premium as long as funds remain available. This means you could save the amount of the Part B premium, which is \$96.40 per month in 2009.

Generally, to qualify for the QI program you must:

- be entitled to Medicare Part A.
- have countable income between 120% and 135% of the federal poverty guidelines for 2008. Income includes Social Security benefits, pensions, wages, interest, dividends, etc. Your countable income must be at least \$1,040 per month for one person, but less than \$1,170. If you are married and your spouse's income is counted, the limit is at least \$1,400, but less than \$1,575.
- have countable resources of not more than \$4,000 for one person and \$6,000 for a couple. Resources are things such as bank accounts (checking, savings, certificates of deposit, Christmas club, etc.) stocks, bonds, cash value of some life insurance policies, property that does not adjoin your home, etc. Your home and adjoining property, one automobile, burial plots, home furnishing, property in which you only have a life interest, and personal jewelry are not counted as resources.

If you are eligible for the Medicaid QI program, Medicaid will only pay the Medicare Part B premium and you will not receive a Medicaid card. You must still pay the Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. You will also be eligible for Extra Help with your Medicare Part D prescription drug premium, deductible and copays.

If all eligibility factors are met in the month you apply for Medicaid QI, eligibility for this program will begin the first day of the application month and ends December 31st of the calendar year. Applications must be filed each year.

If you think you might be eligible for the Medicaid QI program, you can file an application for Medicaid at your local department of social services. You do not need to visit the office to file an application. You can request that an application be mailed to you so that you can complete it and mail it back to the local department of social services. Or, you can download an application from the Internet at:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/bp/me_famis/forms/032-03-0022-02-eng.pdf. If you have questions or need assistance in completing your Medicaid application, contact an eligibility worker at your local department of social services.

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PURPOSE OF FORM - The local agency workers may distribute this form to provide customers with basic policy information regarding this limited coverage.

NUMBER OF COPIES - One

DISPOSITION OF FORM - One per inquirer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM - The form does not require the addition of any information by the eligibility worker.